



# The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

## Range Department

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To whom it may concern,

The Range Program is now accepting applications for grazing privileges for the 2018-2022 grazing cycle. Enrolled tribal members living within 50 miles of the Reservation and Non-members and/or Descendants that have lived within the boundaries of the reservation for a minimum of 1 year are eligible to apply for Range. All livestock grazing on the Colville Reservation shall be properly branded with a registered Washington State brand. This brand must be registered to the permit holder.

There are 55 Range Units on the Reservation,

- Inchelium District has ten available units (1, 11, 69, 71, 73, 76, 83, 84, 84A, and 85)
- Keller District has eight available units (2, 3, 9, 19, 21, 42, 48, and 80)
- Nespelem District has sixteen available units (4, 8, 12, 15, 18, 26, 29, 30, 32, 39, 39A, 43, 43A, 45, 67, and 82)
- Omak District has twenty available units (5, 6, 10, 16, 17, 22, 31, 35, 36, 36A, 40, 50, 52, 54, 56, 59, 59A, 63, 66, and 81)

Most of the Range Units run an average of 6 months annually. Each Range Unit varies on number of Animal Units due to acreages, topography, range Infrastructure, and available forage.

By applying to become a permittee you will be held responsible for the following:

- Maintenance of all range infrastructures (fencing and spring developments) prior to turnout and during the season (assign fences)
- Proper vaccinations of livestock
- Livestock distribution and rotation (use salt, keep out of riparian areas)
- Inventorying and reporting of noxious weeds present on the Range Unit

On December 8, 2017 the Colville Business Council established, per resolution 2017-724, rates to be charged for grazing for the next five (5) year 2018 – 2022 grazing cycle. Rates shall be \$1.20 per animal unit month for Tribal members grazing Tribal trust tracts, \$10.00 per animal unit month for Tribal members grazing allotted tracts, and \$12.50 per animal unit month for non-members grazing both tribal trust and/or allotted tracts.

Per resolution 2017-322, it has been established that all non-member permittees must provide a performance bond for an amount determined by the Range Department. Bonding requirements are waived for Tribal members that are in good standing. Tribal Resolution 1985-166 defines good standing to mean, "The land development stipulations are completed and satisfactory, the compliance check by Land Operations is satisfactory, the lease payments are prompt and paid in full at the proper time and payment is made by certified check or money order." Tribal members not in good standing will be required to provide a bond.

To apply you will need to fill out and submit the grazing application and a copy of your registered Washington State Certified Brand card to the Land Operations/Range Program before the deadline. Copies of the Grazing Application are available on the Colville Tribe website or our link <https://www.cct-rng.com/> or at the Land Operations/Range Program Office. Following the application deadline, the Program will review the applications and tentatively award range units with Tribal members receiving preference. The tentative awards will be submitted to the Tribal Business Council for approval. Following Colville Business Council approval the Range Program will compile the contracts and meet with each permittee to complete all necessary documents, and work on developing best management practices and a Conservation Plan for the awarded range unit(s). Once the contracts are set up and approved, the Range Program will generate and issue payment invoices for the 2018 grazing season. Normally payment is due by April 1. Permittee's should be anticipating making this payment by the April 1 date, the Program will strive to issue the invoices in time to make this possible.

If you have not already applied, you should submit an application to be considered for issuance of a grazing permit. Applicants should file their applications by 4:00 p.m. on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to be considered in the initial round of permit awards.

Please contact Scott Rodgers at (509) 634-2319 or Annie Timentwa at (509) 634-2310 if you have any questions on the grazing permitting process.